

of Kleinschmidt and Zahn (1959). The 2 spreading conditions are the aqueous spread which contains no denaturing agent and the urea formamide spread which contains the denaturing agents urea and formamide. RNA or DNA molecules which are double-stranded will appear the same under both conditions, but those molecules which are single-stranded will appear clumped under aqueous spreading conditions and extended under the urea formamide spreading conditions. The single-stranded molecules are not extended without denaturing conditions because they have numerous intramolecular bonds. Thus not only the nature of the molecules but also the measurement of their length can be determined after spreading them under both conditions.

The second method of analyzing the nucleic acid molecules is by velocity sedimentation centrifugation. The RNA is radioactively labeled with tritium and applied to a 10–30% (v/v) glycerol gradient. After centrifugation, fractions are collected and samples from each fraction are taken and counted in a Packard scintillation counter to measure the amount of radioactivity. The activity of each fraction can be analyzed and the size of the molecules calculated.

These techniques are important for determining the length and size of the DNA and RNA molecules. They were used also to study the nature of the RNA from a mutant of USV thought to have double-stranded RNA as its genome. The results of the 2 techniques complement each other.

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## *A Preliminary Annotated Bibliography of Information Handling Activities in Biology*

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### *ABSTRACT*

A selected bibliography containing about 300 references to information handling activities in the biological sciences is presented. Each reference is annotated to indicate subject matter. The bibliography generally excludes a) articles that are limited to *Homo sapiens* and his disorders, b) many articles published before 1965, c) general texts and papers not specifically related to biological subjects, and d) most references not in the mainstream of the biological literature.

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During the past several years biologists have awakened to the need for finding better ways to handle the rapidly growing amount of information they use and generate. This need has been expressed by a few, but the lack of concerted action in this direction has been an ever-growing source of concern to many biologists.

The disciplines of biology vary so greatly in their subject matter and methodology that a centralized effort to establish a truly comprehensive information "system" in biology may never succeed. Nevertheless, progress toward solving information handling problems has advanced in varying degrees from discipline to discipline, and in some

cases it is evident that quite satisfactory solutions are well on the way toward being made. In the large picture, BIOSIS of Biological Abstracts has made impressive progress toward the control of the biological literature, but other areas of activity have hardly been touched upon by biological scientists.

In a very real way the following bibliography represents a recorded summary of progress made to date by the biological community in various areas of information handling. It is intended to indicate the outstanding specific efforts made in several biological disciplines, and it presents sources of information about the more comprehensive activities in biology. At the same time it emphasizes those areas in which more concerted activity seems to be indicated (e.g., the use of microform by biologists).

### Exclusions

The user of this bibliography should be aware of its limitations:

1. *References dealing largely or exclusively with Homo sapiens and his origins, development and disorders* have been excluded. However, an occasional reference in this subject matter area is included because a described system or project may provide information applicable to organisms other than humans (see Eichhorn and Reinecke, 1970, concerning the Vision Information Center, which is known to deal in part with information concerning vision in insects and other animals).

2. *In large part, references to general works, including textbooks, that do not deal specifically with the subject matter of biology.* These include books and papers dealing with the principles governing the generation, use, and effective handling of information not related to a specific biological discipline. (In excluding such works, we recognize that we may be doing an injustice to the reader, but this immense body of literature has been or is being covered elsewhere and

is beyond the scope of the present work.)

3. *References that might be difficult for biologists to obtain or use.* This includes most foreign-language publications; most articles that appear solely in the literature of information science; and many notes, comments, published letters, addenda, etc., relating to specific biological subjects that are hardly understandable without reference to some larger, more comprehensive work.

4. *Many articles on the subject that were published before 1965,* a date we regard as a turning point in information handling activity in biology.

Almost no bibliography, no matter what the subject, escapes the shortcoming of failing to include everything of significance. This collection is no exception. Wherever we have excluded a significant reference by oversight, we tender our sincere apologies. Where we have deliberately excluded an article or area of activity, we hope the users of this article will argue their point with us privately or in the press. In either case, an effective future revision of this compilation will depend largely on your comments and cooperation.

### Subject Matter Classification and Annotations

Each entry in the following bibliography is annotated in accordance with the following subject matter classification:

#### A. General

1. State-of-the-art, problems, need for improvement.
2. Descriptions of broadly based (organizational) information efforts.
3. General texts.

#### B. Primary publications

1. State-of-the-art, problems, need for improvement.
2. Surveys of primary publications

by discipline, descriptions of core literature.

#### C. Secondary literature information activities

1. Description of primary-secondary relationships and need for improvement.
2. Cataloging and indexing, including discussions of indexing terms, subject headings, thesauri, etc.
3. Abstracts.
4. Descriptions of secondary systems, subject-matter content, methodology, critiques.

#### D. Data information systems

1. Descriptions of systems, subject-matter content, methodology, critiques.
2. Descriptions of computer programs.
3. Management of collection, museum, and specimen data.
4. Surveys, automated mapping procedures.
5. Automated identification procedures.
6. Automated catalogs, taxonomic catalogs.
7. Bionumeric codes.

#### E. Personal information systems

1. Mechanical.
2. Automated.

A section following the bibliography accumulates all of the references within each of the subject-matter categories listed above.

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